



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

On 23 Jan, 2007

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP

By: Malinda Dofst

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No.: 016285-003710US  
Client Ref. No.: 02/MED/122

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Yuk-Ming Dennis Lo et al.

Application No.: 10/759,783

Filed: January 16, 2004

For: CIRCULATING MRNA AS  
DIAGNOSTIC MARKERS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8146

Examiner: MYERS, Carla J.

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1634

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend time for three months, from October 25, 2006, to January 25, 2007, is filed herewith. A formal sequence listing and a Rule 132 declaration are also filed concurrently.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.